



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Evaluation of Child Outcomes Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

February 12, 2015

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Attendees: Terry Kosik, Kevin Bain, Megan Purcell, Brenda Ragle, Kyle Wehmann, Rachel Havey, Cathne Holiday, Beth Eiler, Jeanne Zehr, Beth Barrett, Dorothy Irwin

Key Topics Discussed:

- Head Start member for this workgroup; Rachel sent a recommendation.
- Update on EAG Consortium Recommendation: ELAC wants to take a deeper dive into the decision to become a Charter State. EAG is a one-size fits-all tool aligned with Common Core. As an Advisory state, we could participate in the pilot of version 2.0 in summer/fall.
- Issue of investing time and resources into EAG, but then not own it down the road. Sliding scale costs also being discussed for the future.
- Indiana could take a parallel path of learning more about EAG while creating our own KEA
- Recap of Combined 2015 ELAC Workgroup Event—big success and great turnout, 92 people / Review of Workgroup Report Out
- Will develop a white “concept” paper to clarify and define questions this group has answered and will answer. CEELo as resource?
- Issues with the words “entrance” and “readiness” in terms of KEA and KRA
- The prevailing notion among legislators is that Head Start does not work. Let's determine what is happening in Indiana Head Start (HS) and begin to change the conversation.
- Beth is concerned about jumping on the Head Start bandwagon (even if we find positive IN outcomes) because of the potential transference of the HS negative stigma to EEMG or OMW.
- EEMG and OMW evaluators will come in and present evaluation data to group over the next 6 months
- Use of the CLASS environmental assessment; Anita Allison is a certified class trainer and will come present in coming months.

Key Questions Raised:

1. Jeanne: (to group) What do you think of the Maryland KEA? Will there be significant costs down the road, after Dec 2017?
2. Beth E: Is anyone concerned about the strong alignment [of EAG] with Common Core since Indiana does not use it?
3. Does DOE have a list of the instruments and/or formative assessments that are being used for KEA across the state? Rachael guesses NO, but will



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4. Does it make sense to shift the focus from national Head Start to Indiana Head Start to change the conversation? What are Indiana HS outcomes?
5. Terry: Are we thinking Head Start outcome data could be shared via an executive summary?
6. When will the Foundations be updated and ready for review?

Action Steps:

1. Kevin/Megan will reach out to Beckie M. to see what is available in terms of HS outcomes data.
2. Terry and Dorothy agreed to see if they could also get HS outcomes data.
**Rachel says the person she recommended may also have this data.*
3. Beth Eiler will follow up with Anita A. and schedule a time for her to give this workgroup a presentation on the CLASS assessment tool.
4. Beth B. will update the workgroup on the changes to the CCDF Block Grant
5. Rachel will follow up with Charlie to see when the Foundations will be ready for this workgroup to review
6. Rachel will check to see if IDOE has a list of formative assessments being used for KEA across the state
7. Going forward, project mgmt. team and/or co-chairs will request RSVPs from workgroup members for monthly meetings.
8. ***May workgroup meeting will move from the 14th to the 7th***
9. Data dump! (Kyle will create 3 new folders in Wiggio)
ALL Workgroup members, please find any and all resources you can to inform these 3 projects and upload the data to Wiggio:
 - (a) Assessment Concept Paper Information
 - (b) Statewide Assessment Practices
 - (c) Indiana Head Start Outcomes

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 12th 2015, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Location: United Way of Central Indiana (RCI Boardroom), 3901 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Conference Line: Wiggio TBA